

**Board of Public Works and Safety  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Board members Stephen Barnett and Bob Swinehamer answered roll call.

Chief of Police Tim O'Sullivan, City Engineer Travis Underhill, Street Commissioner Brett Jones, Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander, Records Clerk Stephanie Shepherd, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance.

Mayor McGuinness led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments**

Mayor McGuinness asked the Board of Works to approve the carryover of an employee's vacation time. City Attorney Gray recommends that this request be added to the next Board of Works meeting on February 2, 2015. Mr. Barnett motioned to add the request to the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Board of Works Claims.

- #011215 Clothing Allowance Claims in the amount of \$35,200.00
- #011015 Sewer Utility-Utilities Claims in the amount of \$30,295.07
- #010915 BOW Utilities/Contracts Claims in the amount of \$9,280.37
- #012015 Sewer Utility General Obligations in the amount of \$35,692.02
- #012115 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$362,809.78
- #011415 RDC Utilities in the amount of \$123.12
- #011715 Sewer Utility-Utilities Claims in the amount of \$23,474.47
- #011615 BOW Utilities/Contracts Claims in the amount of \$215,294.23

Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Mr. Swinehamer brought up a concern regarding parking on Water St. from the corner of Jefferson Street north to the alleyway. He wants the City to be clear that there will not be any parking along Water St. alongside the bump-out to the loading zone and no parking in the loading zone from 8:00am to 4:00p.m. A discussion was held regarding the loading zone, placement of a sign and the curb extension into the roadway.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

## **New Business**

**Opening and Awarding of Bids for Acquisition Project - Demolition Phase** - Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated that the bids sought are for the demolition of the last four flood damaged houses. City Attorney Gray stated that two bids were received. Brusco LLC was received before the 8:00 a.m. deadline and Beaty Construction Inc. submitted their bid at 8:03 a.m. City Attorney Gray noted that there have been rulings concerning the acceptance of bids received after the deadline. However she recommended opening both bids received. Mr. Barnett made a motion to accept the 8:03am bid with the City Attorney's research and recommendation. Mayor McGuinness seconded. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. City Attorney Gray opened the bids:

- Brusco LLC overall bid amount is \$60,400.00. Bid for demolition of each individual property by address was: 149 W. South Street for \$17,500.00; 467 Hemphill Street for \$13,350.00; 468 Hemphill Street for \$13,350.00; 149 Pitt Street for \$16, 500.00
- Beaty Construction INC overall bid amount is \$42,105.00. Bid for demolition of each individual address was: 149 W. South Street for \$11,850.00; 467 Hemphill Street for \$8,700.00; 468 Hemphill Street for \$10,100.00; 149 Pitt Street for \$11,455.00

Mayor McGuinness made a motion to take the bids under advisement pending legal review and assuring the lowest most responsive bid will be approved at the next meeting, February 2, 2015. Mr. Barnett seconded. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Senior Planner Myers updated the Board concerning a new issue regarding the final acquisition of the four properties purchased by the FDC in the 2013 tax sale. The title process is being held up due to the requirement by FEMA that they have clear title however obtaining clear title will require the tax deeds to go through the court process which takes 90 to 120 days. Only when this process is complete, will FEMA permit the City to proceed with demolition. Ms. Myers stated a grant extension has been requested.

**Scheduling the Police Department Election to Fill Merit Commission Vacancy Pursuant to I.C. 36-8-3.5-8** - Police Chief O'Sullivan stated the Police Departments representative on the merit commission will end on January 31<sup>st</sup>. By code, the Merit Board must approve the date, time and location for the police officers to vote on a new representative. The code requires a three week notice of the vote and the Chief must read an announcement concerning the election each week at roll call. City Attorney Gray explained that the Board of Public Works and Safety sets the date, time and location and the Police Department handles all other details of the election. Chief O'Sullivan requested permission to hold an election to fill the vacancy on February 19, 2015 from 8:00-4:00 p.m. at the Franklin Police Department, 2801 N. Morton St. Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve the election of the vacant Merit Commission Member presented, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## **Other Business**

**Authorization for Early Payment of Claim for Purchase of Road Salt** - Street Commissioner Brett Jones requested the Board's approval to purchase 350 tons road salt for the City from Midwest Salt. The cost per ton is \$71.50 which is \$50.00 less a ton than the last time it was purchased. Mr. Jones requested to complete the season. He has received quotes from our current supplier and a supplier from Louisville, Kentucky. Our current supplier quoted \$131.00 per ton. And a third Kentucky supplier is offering salt for \$94.50 per ton. Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander requested Street Commissioner Jones present the request to the Board of Works to authorize the payment since advance payment is required to ensure delivery. There are funds available for this purchase in the department budget. City Attorney Gray stated that she is comfortable with the purchase under Ordinance 07-05. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to authorize the Clerk Treasurer to pay Midwest Salt for 350 tons; this motion was seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## **Department Reports / Staff Reports**

There were no department reports presented.

## **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 01/29/2015

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Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer